

From St. James' with Love

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Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms. Psalm 95.1-2

St. James' Church

invites you to join us

in giving thanks to God for all His goodness to us.

at our

Harvest Festival

Come sing, be glad and rejoice in Him.

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Conversation and light refreshment at 9:30 on the lawn.

Church begins at 10:30

Following Holy Eucharist

"Feast in the presence of the Lord your God..." (Deut. 14.26)

at a

Bountiful Harvest Dinner

Choice Sirloin Tip Roast, salad, potatoes, fresh vegetables, homemade bread, dessert

"For it is the Lord your God who gives bountiful harvests..." (Deut. 16.15)

*God provides this abundant food with no charge,
trusting you will enjoy His company with family and friends.*

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

Calvin	Gary	Cecil	Diane
Patsy	Ruth	Josie	Gene
Nita	Roxie	Jean	George
Ted	The Howard Family	Teralin	Doug
Barb	Jim	John	Kathy
Don	Georgia	Peter	Bob
Cliff	Harriet	Charles	Marion
Debbie	Lisa	Dorie	Julie
Bill	Marie	Joe	Jordan
Michele	Arlene	Maria	Stephanie
Gladys	Marilyn	Eva	Colette
Harry	Tim	Zack	Eli
Sue	Bruce	Richard	

The Church of Kisima in Kenya-Those who suffer from addictions-Those who serve in the military especially Vance, Zac, Lael, and Grayson

Altar Flowers

We always have such lovely flowers on our altar. They can be placed there in memorial to someone, or they can be placed there as a thanksgiving for a special event such as a birthday, an anniversary, or as a general celebration of life. If you have someone you want to purchase flowers in memory of, or an event you want celebrated with flowers, contact Mother C. to see if the date you want is available. The cost per date is only \$25.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION TO ST. JAMES'

- Thank you from Loaves and Fishes Pantry for housing them and donations.
- Thank you from The Net for our donation.
- Thank you from Family Life for our donation of \$100.
- Thank you from Habitat for Humanity for our donation of \$200.
- Thank you from Catholic Charities for our donation to Turning Point for \$200.
- Thank you from SAMS Great Commission fund for our donation of \$200.
- Thank you from Audrey Derr for her graduation gift.

THE NEW ELEVATOR IS NOW INSTALLED AND RUNNING!

THANK YOU MIKE KUBRICH!

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

October 13
4:00 to 6:00 pm

Homemade Chicken and Biscuits with Gravy and Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Beverage, and a complimentary glass of
wine to those 21 and over

DONATIONS:
Adults-\$7.50
Children 6 to 12-\$3.00
Children under 6-free

Take outs available. Wine not included in take outs.

If you are available to donate to or work on the dinner, please see Nancy French

COVENANT HOUSE

Imagine that you are just leaving church after receiving the Eucharist. It is a beautiful autumn Sunday morning; the sun is shining and the leaves are a panorama of color. "Ah, such a beautiful day," you say to yourself; "I think that I will..." Your wonderful mood dissolves as you realize that there is not beautiful car waiting to take you home. In fact, there is no home anymore! You are on the street with just the clothes on your back and a few coins in your pocket. "Oh, well," you think, "I will just walk around and enjoy the lovely fall weather." The sun is out and the temperature is in the mid seventies. However, it is not long before you realize that there is no going to the fridge for a cold drink, or to the cookie jar for a snack. Finally, you realize that you don't even have a bathroom, and there will be no cozy bed when night falls! The panic sets in, and you whisper, "Oh, God, what do I do now?"

Every day thousands of children face the same daunting future, but now there is a refuge. It is called COVENANT HOUSE. From a humble beginning in NYC when Fr. Bruce Ritter opened the refuge, it has grown to include shelters in ALASKA, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, NEW JERSEY, NEW ORLEANS, PENNSYLVANIA, TEXAS, WASHINGTON DC. TORONTO, VANCOUVER BC, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, MEXICO CITY, and NICARAGUA. It is truly an international work of Christian Charity!

These days, a cup of coffee at a restaurant costs at least one dollar. A candy bar will set one back about the same amount. Remember that Christ said, "If you give as much as a cup of water in my name, you will have your reward." The reasons children leave home are heart-rending, and what you might spend on coffee five days a week can make the world of difference in the life of a child.

Every year more than 50, 000 children receive safe refuge, food, medical care and education at Covenant House. Would you consider giving the cost of a few cups of coffee each month to further their work? It is a ministry that St. James has supported in the past. If you are willing, please make checks payable to St. James' and mark the memo Covenant House. -submitted by George Brayer

Upcoming Events

- September-Harvest Dinner
- October-Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- November-Bazaar and Bake Sale
- November-Apple Pie Making Day and Sale
- December-Angel Tree

MUSINGS

If you were to put all the parts necessary to construct a computer in a large box and shake them, how many years would you have to shake that box before the parts arranged themselves together into a computer?

Would not happen, right!? Even after millions of years they would not assemble themselves into a computer even if all the right parts were there.

What if the parts themselves were not even there, just the raw materials to make the parts? Even less chance of that succeeding!

It is strange then that there are some people who believe that sentient beings, or even highly sophisticated plants just came about by random accident. That these things—over time—and by themselves—sembled themselves from the primordial ooze. Then, by themselves, evolved into things that came in two different types that were then able to get together and produce offspring that were copies of themselves. In the case of animals they had to be able to—on their own—develop the powers of instinct and, in higher animals life forms, of reasoning. Plants had to know to turn toward the sun and to make their own food. HMMMMMMMMMM! Seems highly unlikely to me!

The planet itself must have found ways to reproduce parts of itself. Volcanoes form new land and as mountains wear down pressure pushes up new mountains.

Yet, some people believe all of the above and think that God is a myth. I find it harder to believe in a world created by accident and evolution than by God.

Those people who go on disbelieving in God should just continue to shake that box and hope that a computer will form on its own.

I, on the other hand, will continue to worship the God of the universe and to be thankful for all he has given me.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Congratulations to Audrey Derr for achieving : Taylor Foundation Scholarship, Chris Gelder Memorial Scholarship, Robert Cole Memorial Award, John Southard Memorial Scholarship, Fourth Quarter High Honor Roll.
- Congratulations to Carter Watson for achieving: Most improved in History 8, Fourth Quarter Honor Roll.
- Congratulations to Parker Watson for achieving: Super Student Spanish Award.

Thank You to Richard Frey for faithfully taking the St. James' garbage cans to the curb each Tuesday and returning them to the church each Wednesday.

Sunday School at St. James' operates 52 weeks per year. New children are always welcome.

June Vestry Highlights

- The request for the Taylor Foundation Grant has been sent.
- Jim Grillo reported for the Calling Committee that the Bishop will be contacting Bishop Brewer of Central Florida regarding the call of Renae Lowe.
- Nick Forenz gave the Building and Grounds report:
 - Air conditioning for the sanctuary is in process. It will most likely be through the present duct system of the furnace.
 - Gutter work is next on the list of renovation projects for the church.
 - Elevator/lift has been purchased and is being scheduled to put in.
 - The downstairs entrance renovation is to begin soon. Paid to C.B. Masonry \$1400 for Pennsylvania Bluestone that matches the church for facing the stairs and entrance. The cost of new railings will be a separate cost.
 - Getting estimates for Pennsylvania Bluestone facing for the Food Pantry entrance.
 - Soil next to the wood of our storage building will be raked away to prevent damage to the wood.
 - Nick Forenz and Jim Grillo will try to store our extra pews in the new storage building.
 - Thank you, Nick, for the daylily and boxwood border.
 - We will be placing some arbor vitae plants in the garden area behind the church.
- Outreach and Mission Report:
 - South American Missionary Society-\$200
 - Joseph's Hammer-\$500
 - Project Care-\$100
 - Turning Point-\$200
 - Family Life Ministries-\$100
 - Habitat for Humanity-\$200
 - The Net-\$200
 - Youth Project for the Kongogo, Tanzania water well-\$200
 - Children International (total monthly increase for Dennise)-\$36

Total of \$1,736 for mission
- Youth Group: Helping a lady who is very ill with her garden. Planning a trip to Rose-land Water Park.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
Sept 2	N. Forenz	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	M. White A. Edmister
Sept 9	L. Nichiporuk	H. Matthews Co. VanHouten	S. Wilson D. Erway	D. Burch B. Frey
Sept 16	C. Skinner	N. Forenz	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J. Grillo L. Grillo
Sept 23	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	T. Packard K. Packard
Sept 30	M. White	L. Nichiporuk	W.Torp K. Packard	W.Barney D. Barney
October 7	Ce.VanHouten	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	J. Piersons M. Piersons
October 14	J. Grillo	Co. VanHouten	S. Wilson D. Erway	N. Forenz P. Forenz
October 21	N. Forenz	C. Skinner	Ce. VanHouten M. White	P. Manikas C. Manikas
October 28	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	J. Grillo Co. VanHouten	M. White A. Edmister
November 4	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	W.Torp K. Packard	J. Grillo L. Grillo
November 11	Co. VanHouten	C. Skinner	L. Graulich A. Edmister	T. Packard B. Frey
November 18	M. White	J. Grillo	S. Wilson D. Erway	W.Barney D. Barney
November 25	Ce.VanHouten	Co. VanHouten	Ce. VanHouten M. White	J.Piersons M. Piersons

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ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!

HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Leah Nichiporuk - first year, James Grillo - second year

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Betty Frey, Karen Derr - 1st year

Floyd French, Esther Kowulich-Covell, Donella Barney - 2nd year

Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey - 1st; Gladys Palmer - 2nd; Charles Skinner - 3rd year

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Leah Nichiporuk

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Youth Group: Gladys Palmer

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M. Th.

Associate: The Rev. Gary Edmister, M.Div.

Rector: The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, M.S. Ed., M. Div.

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